

## SERMON NOTES

March 26, 2017

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- Being generous with our TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES.

**Psalms 112:5** *Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.*

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